**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2668**

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**Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

(1) With regard to information provided to members of the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education and Training during an oversight visit by the University of Zululand in February 2017, does the university now have a student representative council in place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) has any action been taken regarding cases of alleged corruption that took place during the 2017 registration period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

 (3) why was the oversight visit to the University held off-campus in a hotel, rather than on the campus itself?

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**REPLY:**

1. The university has reported that the Student Representative Council (SRC) elected for the 2017 academic year was interdicted. In accordance with the SRC Constitution, the Council appointed an SRC administrator, who has assumed all the powers, functions and duties of the SRC. The university has prepared for new SRC elections, which is scheduled to take place on 14 September 2017.
2. The matters raised concerning alleged corruption during the registration period have been considered together with all other complaints and allegations pertaining to fraud and corruption in the administration of the university. The Minister is awaiting the report on the institutional audit that he had requested from the Council on Higher Education, where after he will make a determination on the course of action.
3. The Department is not aware of the reasons, as it was not involved in the determination of venues.

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